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POOR SANITATION IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to poor sanitation the infection cases are increasing in Government Hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the preventive measures being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (c): No increase of infection cases due to poor sanitation is reported in Central Govt. Hospitals viz. Safdarjung Hospital, Dr. R.M.L.Hospital & LHMC & its associated hospitals, AIIMS etc. There is an Infection Control Committee in existence in all the Central government Hospitals which ensure strict implementation of prevention of hospital acquired infections. The Committee monitors and reviews the prevalence of Hospital Infections regularly in various hospital areas and suggests the appropriate methods to prevent and control the hospital-acquired infections. Surveillance of the environment and sterility measure are carried. The hospital personnel are trained to take all precautionary measure regarding the infection control practice. The hospital waste is disposed off as per the guidelines contained in Bio-medical Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 1998.

Health being a State subject, it is for the respective State Governments to take appropriate actions to reduce the number of cases of infection due to poor sanitation in their hospitals.